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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 7, 2005, Applicants affirm their election of 9-19. All inventors remain inventions with respect to the elected claims.

Please amend claims 9, 10, 12-17 and cancel claim 11. Please add new claims 20-26.

REMARKS

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not cover the means plus function language of the claim.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite the structure described in the specification. 'A hopper ...' has been added. Support is on page 13, line 15.